

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Schoen  
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**Conf. No.:** 5008  
**Title:** METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE CONTACTLESS DETECTION OF  
FLAT OBJECTS

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Preliminary Amendment**

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: